



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MARTINEZ *et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/669,597

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For: **Polymer Conjugates with  
Decreased Antigenicity, Methods of  
Preparation and Uses Thereof**

Confirmation No.: 1312

Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Gupta, A.

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**Preliminary Amendment  
and Supplemental Reply to Restriction and Election of  
Species Requirements**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In advance of examination on the merits in the captioned application, in reply to the Office Communication dated February 7, 2007, and in reply to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. This reply is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the drawings by presenting replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims; and
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

***Amendments to the Drawings***

The attached replacement sheet of drawing 5a is hereby submitted to replace original sheet 5a.